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Kazunobu Maruo et al.

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For: OLIGOMER-MODIFIED LAYERED
INORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE
IN NANOCOMPOSITES

Examiner: V. M. Ronesi

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.